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Former Arizona Cardinals safety Kwamie Lassiter dies at age 49

The cause of death was not specified

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Former Arizona Cardinals safety Kwamie Lassiter passed away Sunday, [the Cardinals announced](#). He was 49 years old.

Lassiter went undrafted but had a 10-year NFL career, including eight years with the Cardinals from 1995-2002. He was instrumental in the Cardinals' playoff berth in 1998, their first in Arizona, as he recorded eight interceptions that season.

The cause of Lassiter's death has not been announced.

Statement from team president Michael Bidwill on the passing of Kwamie Lassiter. [pic.twitter.com/PypTWtwQoo](https://twitter.com/PypTWtwQoo)

— Arizona Cardinals (@AZCardinals) *January 7, 2019*

Lassiter recorded 588 total tackles, 24 interceptions and five fumble recoveries during his eight seasons with the Cardinals. He played for the San Diego Chargers in 2003 before completing his NFL career with the St. Louis Rams in 2004.

Lassiter has eight children. His son Kwamie Lassiter, II is currently a wide receiver at Kansas, the same university his father attended. Lassiter created the [Kwamie Lassiter Foundation](#) to raise awareness for childhood challenges such as obesity, cancer and sickle cell. The charity is based in Chandler.

Oh my word, he texted me during the Ravens/Chargers game today. Loved seeing him at golf tournaments around the valley. Heartbroken for his family <https://t.co/8RCJQtCZot>

— Jay Feely (@jayfeely) *January 7, 2019*

I'm devastated to hear of my brother's time on this earth coming to an end! A good man that loved his NFL but more importantly loved his family! Prayers to his family in this difficult hour! Rest well brother 🙏❤️ <https://t.co/o2DNL76SVp>

— *Bertrand Berry (@btrain92) January 7, 2019*

This news crushes my soul. @KwamieLassiter was a hell of a football player and a great person. Kwamie was the first player host of the #BigRedRage and we had some great times on the show. He was also a champion in the community. RIP, my friend. My thoughts are with his family. <https://t.co/chHZd3sodw>

— *Jim Omohundro (@jimohms) January 7, 2019*

Wow.... what sad news today 😞 I had the pleasure of meeting and working with the Lassiters through their work with the PCH sickle cell community. My heart goes out to his family ❤️ <https://t.co/T4e4Ojyy6D>

— *Danielle Lerner (@DanielleLerner) January 7, 2019*

Such sad news.... I'm in shock <https://t.co/Yn9foULp2i>

— *Craig Fouhy (@FouhyOnSports) January 7, 2019*

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